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NOVEMBER

"The wind from the North
Is strong and proud
As he pounds on my door
In a fashion loud —
One for life,
And two for death,
And November looses
a bitter breath." —Ann Mary Lawler.

November, which gets its name because it was the ninth month of the old Roman calendar, is the next to the last month of the year, and one in which fall is turning steadily into winter.

It is the month of Thanksgiving, which falls on the 22nd this year, and on that day many a hunter will go into the fields in search of his favorite game and, of course, various other hunting seasons will open during the month on various other days.

November is the month in which the Armistice of World War I is still observed in various ways — although it is now combined in a single day to commemorate the ending of many U. S. wars.

November is also an interesting historical month because of many events of importance in U. S. history. It was on November 21st, 1877 that Thomas Edison announced the invention of phonograph. It is the birthday month of many famous Americans, including Mark Twain, who was actually Samuel Langhorne Clemens and who was born November 30th, 1835, in Florida, Missouri.

In addition is the birthday month of five United States Presidents. Among them are James Knox Polk, who was born in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, on November 2nd, 1795. Warren G. Harding was born on November 2nd, 1865.

James A. Garfield, the twentieth President of the United States, was born in Cuyahoga County, Ohio, on November 19th, 1831. Franklin Pierce, which was pronounced "Purse" during the President's lifetime, was born at Hillsborough, New Hampshire, on November 23rd, 1804. The fifth President of the United States born in November was Zachary Taylor, the twelfth President, who was born in Orange County, Virginia on November 24th, 1784.

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A CLARIFICATION OF WORDING

In our last issue, in discussing the honor paid Circuit Court Judge Joel W. Flood in being endorsed for appointment to the Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals, we mentioned that Judge Flood had asked his name be withdrawn due to age: 62. This should have been worded to make it clear that Judge Flood did not feel that 62 was too advanced an age to serve on the court. Many judges well past that age, are serving with distinction. What Judge Flood said was that in his own case, he did not desire to start a new service at his present age that would call for him to be away from his home for extended periods. We are glad to make this clarification.

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VOTE ON NOVEMBER 6TH.

Whether your conviction leads you to vote for Democratic or Republican electors, exercise your sacred right to vote and go to the polls on Tuesday, November 6.

United States citizens, as a whole, have a fairly good record in exercising their franchise, although the overall record in Virginia is not one to commend itself. It is estimated that over sixty millions will vote next Tuesday. The citizen who votes has done his duty, whether his party wins or loses.

This newspaper gladly gives its support to the Democratic Party. In our county, state and nation, the record of the Democratic Party is challenging to a progressive economy, big enough to weld diversing viewpoints into a dynamic national policy. It is the party of the farmer, the worker, the small business man, the mass of plain citizens so well described as: "Joe Smiths!" It is a party of both conservatives and liberals, and some radicals as well. It is a party of all sections, national in program and dedicated to humanity. It is a party old in years but young in program; stronger than any one candidate, and bigger than any one issue. Within its framework, many ideas find a meeting place and its councils are a haven to those who seek a happy meeting ground for a national program. In times of prosperity or depression, it serves the mass of people and forges ahead with positive deeds. It is the party of the long span of years, the builder for all the tomorrows. The Democratic Party has given this nation some of its greatest leaders and some of its greatest legislation. In our opinion, it will continue to be great, if our State and Southern people stay within the fold, to counsel and throw their weight for principles they hold dear.

We have always been proud that this paper has friends among all parties, and that our viewpoints are respected, even as we respect the viewpoints of those who reach different decisions. That is the American way and, so help us, we pray that ever and always upwards of sixty million Americans will give us a good decision.

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RESPECTING PROPERTY RIGHTS

As another general hunting season approaches, we would like to put in asking respect for the property of others. In the zest of the hunt, one should not overlook the rights of a landowner to the security of his property. Every effort should be made to conform to the property rights of the farmer and rural landowner. It is only by doing this that our woods and fields are available to the sportsman.

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A COMMUNIST CRACK?

It is reported that Communist China has taken the side of Communist Poland in the dispute between Poland and Russia over the desirability of different Communist countries following different approaches to Socialism. And now, unrest has broken out in Hungary. It would appear to us, that what is happening in the Communist world is a reevaluation of method, rather than any wide-scale abandonment of Communism itself. In fact, this very condition seems to exist within Russia itself since the death of Stalin. Certainly, the situation in the Arabian countries should give us pause before jumping to hasty conclusions discounting the international might of Communism.

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The modern puzzle is how the old folks managed to raise their children without about a dozen books on child care.

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One of life's most difficult chores is to try to make an individual believe something they do not want to believe.

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We have never objected to doing business with someone who frankly admitted they were making a fair profit.

THE BIBLE SPEAKS

International Uniform Sunday School Lessons

BY DR. KENNETH J. FOREMAN

Background Scripture: Isaiah 52:13-53:12; Matthew 1:18-21.
Devotional Reading: I Peter 3:14-22

Suffering for Us

Lesson for November 4, 1956

IN THE days when a running man could overtake a carriage that was in no hurry, a Christian man named Philip was led to run up close to a very handsome carriage —they called it a chariot—in which sat a man reading aloud to himself. Something about the way he was reading made Philip, now jogging along beside the carriage, ask the rider a question. For the man was reading aloud from a book which is no doubt owned by every reader of this column, a book which to this very day outsells all others, every month of every year: the Bible. Philip didn't ask the man where he got the book, or what he thought of it, much less what the book was. Philip asked, "Do you **understand** what you are reading?" The distinguished stranger admitted he did not. But he was so eager to find out that he invited this unknown pedestrian to ride with him. He was reading a chapter from Isaiah, the very same one that is our lesson scripture this week. It is all about "my servant," that is, God's servant. But who is this servant? The prophet himself, or somebody else? Could Philip please explain?

Dr. Foreman

A Prophet Sees Christ

The book is 25 centuries old, the story of Philip about 19 centuries ago; but that chapter is still a favorite with Christians. The Church today gives essentially the same answer Philip gave: this is a prophecy about Jesus. Even those Christians who doubt whether the prophet originally set out to describe the historic Jesus of Nazareth agree that the picture fits Jesus remarkably well. Most of the Christian church says not only that, but Jesus is the only person the description does fit remarkably well. It is a fair question: Would the first Christians, such as Philip, have thought this to be a prophecy of Christ if Jesus had never thought so himself? Are we to say that Jesus was less bright than his followers? The beauty and power of this great chapter from Isaiah do not come from accuracy in details; it is pretty difficult to make all the details match exactly the facts of Jesus' life. Nevertheless this chapter is more than beautiful in language and thought; it is powerful in giving us, in a few sentences, the central spirit and underlying intention of Jesus' life. It is this: What he endured and suffered, in life and in death, he suffered and endured not for himself alone but for others, for us.

Levels of Suffering

Suffering can be undergone on different levels, as it were. At lowest level there is mere pain, the kind known by animals. The beast does not think about it, animals around him do not; he simply suffers. At the next level there is pain suffered and resented, by human beings. Above this is pain which is suffered bravely, even defiantly, by a stoic ("I am the captain of my soul"). Above this again is pain which is borne with resignation not because it is necessary, but because God wills it. On a still higher level is suffering which is offered to God as a sacrifice—all the sufferer may have to give. As high as this, if not higher, is suffering which is undergone for the sake of others, as a mother for her child. The suffering of Christ, the church believes, is on a plane even higher than all these, though it is like some that have been mentioned. For his sufferings were for men and women everywhere, always.

"He Poured Out His Soul"

The tragedy of Jesus, taken as a human tragedy alone, is saddening. "To what purpose was all this waste?"—we ask Judas' old question as the alabaster box pours forth its treasure. If we remember that this was not only a man but God, undergoing this tragic darkness shot with "lightning of his pain," we can understand a little better (but dimly, for the opaqueness of our selfish minds) what the suffering of Jesus meant and means. It was for us; he bore our griefs and carried our sorrows; he made himself an offering for sin. You remember the girl who said to her older sister: "Oh, sometimes I wish I could take all the miseries of the world and put them on my shoulders!"

And the older sister said, "Didn't you know Jesus did that, long ago?"

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Washington Notes

COLLEGE STUDENTS

There are, in the colleges and universities of the nation, something like 1,125,000 students. Of the total, nearly 700,000 are women as against approximately 425,000 men. By 1965, the women students are expected to total 1,100,000 and the number of men students to be just under 700,000, the present total for women.

AUTO THEFTS

Automobile thefts, during the last five years, have occurred at the rate of two every five minutes, according to Joseph E. Thornton, a Federal Bureau of Investigation official. More than 1,000,000 vehicles have been stolen in that period, Thornton stated.

NEW NAVY PLANES

The Navy's new turbo-prop seaplane, known as the Tundain Ocean Tradewind," recently made its first trans-Pacific flight, landing at Honolulu eight hours and fifteen minutes after leaving the Alameda (Cal.) Naval Air Station. Fifteen crew members, and eight observers were aboard the 175,000 pound aircraft.

'GRADUAL' TARIFF CUT

The Committee for Economic Development of which industrialist J. D. Zellerbach is chairman, has recommended a policy of "gradual and selective" tariff reduction for the nation. "The committee believes that the expanding American economy will be better able to maintain its dynamic forward movement in a climate of trade liberalization than in a climate of trade restriction," Zellerbach stated.

FOREIGN AID SURVEY

The House Foreign Affairs Committee, headed by Congressman James P. Richards, is now meeting to "take a long view back to see what has happened in the United States foreign aid program. "Only then can we determine the kind and amount of assistance we should extend for the next few years," stated Rep. Richards.

TVA SALES UP

The Tennessee Valley Authority showed, in its financial statement for fiscal 1956, that net revenues from power operations were $53,900,000, compared with $47,900,000 in the 1955 fiscal year. This is almost double the power revenues of 1954, when sales were $28,800,000. The total power operating revenues during the period were $221,642,000, an increase of $33,479,000 over the previous fiscal year.

WHEN IT RAINS

Pueblo, Colo.- The Albert M. George family recently spent a rough five days. First, father paid $33 for speeding; Mother paid $11 for speeding. A stray dog bit one of their twin sons, Dennis, 7. The other twin, Donald, and a third son, Raymond, 8, developed influenza. George tried to start the furnace and it exploded, giving him some painful burns.

VIRGINIA'S ANNUAL FUR CATCH IS EVALUATED

According to Chester F. Phillips, Chief of the Game Division of the Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries, the United States and Wildlife Service reports the Old Dominion's fur catch piled by Frank G. Ashbrook, in charge of the Wild Fur Investigation, indicate the following kind and number of furs taken in this state for the year ending June 30, 1955: Beaver, 6; Bobcat, 35; Red Fox, 1518; Mink, 1,000; Muskrat, 107,984; Opossum, 9,680; Otter, 476; Raccoon, 11,810; Skunk, 9,680; Squirrel, 511; Weasel. These figures are the best available data and are presented to illustrate the trend of fur production in the wild.

The Soviet Union and Japan signed a joint declaration ending the state of war between them.

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Workers Listed For Children's Home Drive

The work of the Children's Home Society of Virginia, the largest adoption agency in Virginia, is being carried out this year by Mrs. Alfred R. Harwood and a host of others interested in this agency. Mrs. Harwood, of Appomattox, has been named chairman of the 1956 drive in Appomattox County, according to Samuel M. Bemiss, president of the Society.

The drive, which will begin Monday, Nov. 5, and extend through Nov. 10, will have the following committees throughout the county:

Mrs. John Kent Hamilton, Evergreen; Mrs. O. W. Martin, Jr., Oakville; Mrs. Nell D. Walton, Spout Spring; Rev. W. M. Black, Pamplin; Mr. C. M. Stratton, R. F. D. 2, Appomattox; Mrs. C. R. Addington, Pamplin, and Crawford Davidson, Hesson.

The Appomattox Junior Woman's Club will sponsor the house-to-house drive and solicitation in the Town of Appomattox. Miss Nina Flood, chairman of the Public Affairs Department, with the following workers, will conduct the drive:

Misses O'Brien, Hazel Woody, Mrs. Jane Chenault, Mrs. Harriet Redford, Mary Ann Wheeler, and Mrs. Ferrell Carter. The other members of the club will assist in the drive Monday evening, beginning at 7 P. M. All proceeds will be turned over to Mrs. Paul Drinkard, Treas., of the Farmers National Bank.

Sponsors for the county drive include W. M. Black, Mrs. Paul Drinkard, Mrs. John Kent Hamilton, Mrs. Donald Robinson, Mrs. C. M. Stratton, John P. Taylor and W. S. Slayton. Mrs. Drinkard will serve as treasurer for the county drive.

In emphasizing the work of the Society, Mrs. Harwood said that it is for the benefit of babies whose parents, because of various circumstances, have had to give them up permanently, and there babies belong to the Society in real need of homes.

PROCLAMATION BY MAYOR

The Mayor of Appomattox has issued a proclamation, naming Nov. 5-10, 1956, as "Children's Home Society" donation period, and has urged the residents of Appomattox and this general area to take advantage of an opportunity "to help provide a baby a chance for a happy childhood and a useful life, and in doing so to bring satisfaction to one's heart for having been a part in this program.

Mayor Richard D. Robinson, in his proclamation, said:

"It has come to my attention that the period, Nov. 5-10, 1956, has been designated as a period for a drive for contributions to the work of the Children's Home Society of Virginia in the town of Appomattox and in this general area.

"I want our folks to know what an important opportunity this is for them to help provide a baby a chance for a happy childhood and a useful life.

"And further, I want them to know that whatever financial contributions they can make to this work should bring satisfaction to one's heart for having been a part of this program. And I hope that our folks will support the program here which is under the direction of Mrs. Alfred R. Harwood, of Appomattox, and a large committee of representative citizens."

NEWS FOR VETERANS

Plans are completed for the first nation-wide evaluation of the new tranquilizing drugs for mentally ill patients in 37 Veterans Administration hospitals.

Dr. William S. Middleton, Chief Medical Director, who released the announcement, said: "VA, with its vast clinical material and its research potential, is in a unique position to carry out work on the tranquilizing drugs to benefit veterans and the nation."

The project will be conducted under the direction of VA's Psychiatry and Neurology Service, of which Dr. Jessie F. Casey is the director. Dr. Casey said the study is designed to answer questions of the drugs' effectiveness and toxicity, what dosage is desirable and how long it should be continued.

The project will be directed by an executive committee of doctors from various VA hospitals, who completed plans at a meeting in Washington last month. Dr. S. Theodore Ginsberg, chairman of the committee and chief of VA's Psychiatry Division, said two tranquilizing drugs now in clinical use will be used in the first study, which will involve about 1,000 patients with acute and chronic schizophrenia, popularly called "split personality."

Plans for the study were begun a year ago. It now will be carried forward under rigidly controlled conditions, with each hospital following the same procedure so that results of the study may be evaluated accurately, Dr. Ginsberg said.

Dr. Ivan F. Bennett, executive secretary of the committee and chief of Psychiatric Research, said during the short time the tranquilizing drugs have been available, much research on their work has been done, but the work has been on too small a scale and research procedures have been too variable to give doctors the answers they need.

Dr. Bennett said the participating hospitals have agreed on carefully designed requirements for selection of patients, supply of the drugs, dosage, rating of patients' progress, and collection of data. All other forms of treatment of benefit to patients will be continued during the study, he added.

MEET AFTER 11 YEARS

San Diego, Calif.- Felix Vega, of San Juan, Puerto Rico, seaching for his brother, Rafael, whom he had not seen in 11 years, came here after hearing that Rafael was working here or in Tijuana, Mexico. He searched for three weeks with no success. Then Vega and his wife walked into a hotel coffee shop. There was Rafael working as a busboy.

Health and Beauty

The neck is one of the very first spots on the human body where the aging process becomes evident. Too much indulgence in fatty foods or in alcohol soon shouts its effect in the double chin.

When too rapid weight reduction occurs, the neck begins to wrinkle. Healthy skin tone fades and the dread deterioration process is in high gear.

Usually if milady does any exercises for her neck they are placed to the end of the program so they can be overlooked if she feels the least bit tired.

There are a few simple neck exercises that will do wonders toward keeping the neck young looking.

The only equipment necessary is a long leather belt and a hand towel. Exercise number one—place the towel around one end of the belt, that part which will come in contact with your head and hair. Place the towelled end of the belt around your bowed head, just above the ears. Press firmly with your hands on the other end, draw the head backward and forward as far as it will go either way, resisting all the while. Repeat for twenty counts. Rest and repeat for twenty more counts.

Another good exercise is to hang the entire neck and head off the side of a bed, then bring the head up until the chin touches the chest. Repeat slowly for twenty counts.

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NEWS FROM HOLLYWOOD

Actors "South Pacific" appears as a movie, it will be the product of a famous trio which was responsible for bringing the musical to theatrical prominence — Richard Rodgers, Oscar Hammerstein, and Joshua Logan. They will combine their talents for Twentieth Centry-Fox. As part of the "South Pacific" deal, they will also assume distribution of the Cinema-Scope version of "Oklahoma!" for general theatrical exhibition in this country and in foreign markets. The names of the actors have not been disclosed.

David Niven and Barbara Rush have been signed to co - star in "Men Of Women!" for Fox. Filming is slated to go before the cameras almost immediately.

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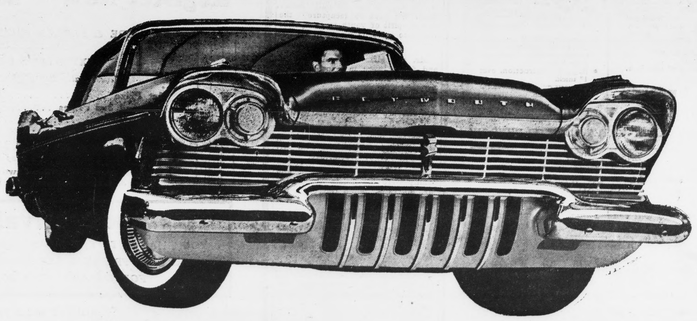
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